

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 25 with the following amended paragraph:

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--In further accordance with the present invention, central office includes a network video test source 38 having suitable MPEG2 encoders for generating a video test signal on at least one video test channel 40, and a network data test source 42 for generating a data test signal on a data test line 44. In a preferred embodiment, ~~at least~~ at least a second video test channel 46 is provided to allow testing of the ability of the customer drop to forward channel change commands from the STB.—

Please replace paragraph 26 with the following amended paragraph:

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-- The overall testing process of the present invention will now be described in connection with the flow chart shown in Fig. 2. More specifically, as denoted at block 100, the first step is to establish suitable network video/data test lines to the NID. In addition, the VDSL physical drop to be tested will be initially pre-provisioned at block 102 to allow access to the network video/data test lines at the customer site. This pre-provisioning of the VDSL drop will restrict access to test lines to only an STB having the proper type and subtype value denoting a test device at the time of sign-on. This prevents access by standard video or data receiver/decoder devices used by a customer once the drop has been provisioned for receipt of actual ~~services/programming.~~
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